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Inquiry to the Status of Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a)

Sir:

Applicants submitted a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a) on May 7, 2004. This petition has been pending for more than three years and Applicants have not received yet any communication related to this petition. As such, Applicants respectfully request to be informed the status of this petition and to grant Applicants' petition.

To facilitate the process, Applicants hereby submit the following documents:

- (1) The copies of the newly-signed power of attorney;
- (2) The copy of the return receipt postcard with the U.S. PTO's stamp of May 10, 2004, which confirming that Applicant submitted the petition with other accompanying documents:
- (3) The copy of the Petition filed on May 7, 2004,

(4) The copies of the documents accompanying the Petition: the copy of the Response to the Office Action filed on November 25, 2003, Terminal Disclaimer, assignments, a Fee Letter for authorizing the Commissioner to charge the \$110 fee under 37 CFR §1.20(d), two pages of formal drawings, and a return-receipt postcard indicating the above items.

In view of the evidence provided in the Petition and attached herewith again, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the present application.

While no fees are believed due, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees with may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097.

Respectfully submitted,

Jian S. Zhou Reg. No. 41,422

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and

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and other attorneys and agents associated with Customer No. 31781, respectively and individually, as my attorneys and agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a)

Sir:



A copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated April 2, 2004 from Examiner Gregory Pickett of Art Unit 3728 has been received, via fax on May 6, 2004. Applicants hereby petition that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn because applicants did timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003.

The present application was held to be abandoned by the Examiner for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003. However, on November 25, 2003, one day before the due date, Applicants filed an Response to Office Action with Certificate of Mailing, accompanying with a Terminal Disclaimer, assignments, a Fee Letter for authorizing the Commissioner to charge the \$110 fee under 37 CFR §1.20(d), two pages of formal drawings, and a return-receipt postcard indicating the above items. The Certificate of Mailing on the top of the submitted Response to Office Action was signed by Jennifer China on November 25, clearly demonstrating that the Response to Office Action was being deposited with the United States

Postal Service with sufficient postage on that day. On December 3, 2003, Applicants received the return-receipt postcard with the PTO stamp indicating that PTO received the Applicants' Response to Office Action and other items listed above on November 28, 2003. A copy of the return-receipt postcard is enclosed herewith, proving that Applicants did timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003. This postcard serves as prima facie evidence of receipt by the PTO of all papers listed thereon. Also enclosed herewith are copies of the previously filed Terminal Disclaimer, assignments. Fee Letter, and two pages of formal drawings.

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Responses to office action

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated August 26, 2003 from Examiner John Pickett of Art Unit 3728 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 as follows:

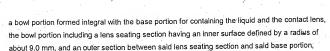
- 1. (Original) A container for storing a silicone hydrogel contact lens in a liquid, the silicone hydrogel contact lens having a base surface defining a base curve equivalent radius and a front surface, the container comprising:
- a base portion; and

a bowl portion formed integral with the base portion for containing the liquid and the contact lens, the bowl portion including a lens seating section having an inner surface defined by a radius, the base curve equivalent radius being from about 85 percent to about 100 percent of the inner surface radius, and an outer section between said lens seating section and said base portion.

wherein said outer section has an outer surface which is defined by a radius larger than the inner surface radius, and

wherein said bowl portion has a roughness sufficient to maintain capillary attraction of the lens to said bowl portion but preventing adhesion of any portion of the front surface of the silicone based hydrocel contact lens to the bowl portion.

- 2. (Currently amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the bowl portion is roughened to a Chamille no. Charmille No. of 16 to 30.
- 3. (Currently amended) The container of claim 1, wherein the bowl portion is roughened to a Chamille no. of 18 to 26.
- 4. (Originat) The container of claim 1, wherein the inner surface radius is about 9 mm and the outer surface radius is about 10 mm.
- 5. (Currently amended) A container for storing a contact lens in a liquid, the container comprising:
- a base portion; and



wherein said bowl portion is roughened to a Chamille Charmille no. of 16 to 30,

wherein said outer section has an outer surface which is defined by a radius larger than the inner surface radius.

- 6. (Original)The container of claim 5, further including a cover for confining the contact lens and the liquid in the bowl portion.
- (Currently amended) The container of claim 5, wherein the said bowl portion is roughened to a Chamille no. Charmille No. of 18 to 26.

REMARKS

Pending claims

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. These amendments do not contain new matter and are fully supported by the specification. After these amendments are entered, seven (7) Claims (claims 1-7) are pending.

Drawings

Applicants submit herewith corrected drawings.

Claim Objections

The objections over claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been overcome by the amendments of these claims through this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

The rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, of claim 7 has been overcome by the Amendment of claim 7.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-7 were rejected under the judicially created doctorine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4-6 of Wilde et al (US 6,050,398) in view of Abrams et al. (US 5,467,868). Such rejection over claims 1-7 has been overcome by a terminal disclaimer submitted herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants respectfully request withdraw of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicant submits that the rejections and objections set-forth in the Office Action have been overcome, and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Thomas Hoxie, Novartis Corporation, Corporate Intellectual Property, One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430, East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Sorman Reg. No. 41,789 (678) 415-4389

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Date: 25 Nov 2023

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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Sir:

Novartis AG, a company organized under the laws of the Swiss Confederation, having a place of business at Lichtstrasse 35, Basel, Switzerland 4056, represents that it is the assignee and owner of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment which is being transmitted for recordation in the United States Patent and Trademark Office concurrently herewith. A copy is attached hereto.

Novartis AG hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 USC §154-156 and §173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,050,398 issued November 25, 1998. Said Patent No. 6,050,398 is also assigned to Novartis AG by virtue of an assignment which an assignment which was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2000 at Reel/Frame 010690/0637.

Novartis AG hereby agrees that any patent granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and prior Patent No. 6,050,398 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Novartis AG does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 USC §154-156 and §173 of prior Patent No. 6,050,398, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that it later: expires for failure to

pay a maintenance fee, bld unenforceable, is found invalid by a th of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR §1.321, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

A terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR §1.20(d) is included.

Signed this 25th day of _November, 2003 by the undersigned attorney of record.

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And we hereby agree to sign and/or execute any further documents and/or instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in and/or for the filing and/or prosecution of said applications for United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates and/or the granting and/or issuance thereof and/or to otherwise secure title to said invention and all of said applications, United States Letters Patent (including reissue Letters Patent), extensions and reexamination certificates in said assignee.

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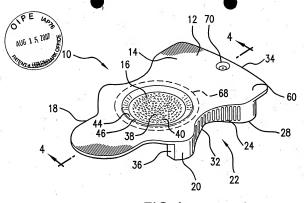


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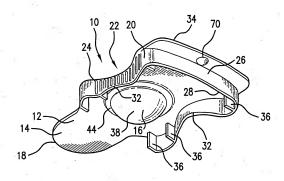
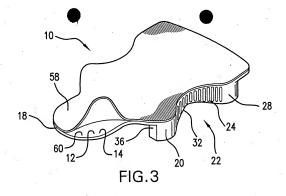
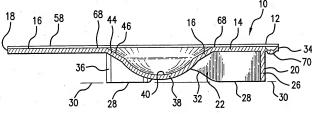
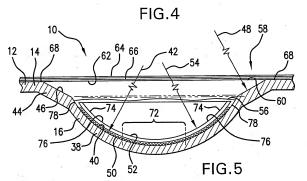


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